

LAKE COUNTY SERVICES FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

LET US
WORK FOR
YOU...

Here in Lake County, Illinois, we appreciate the dedication and commitment of the men and women who have served in the United States Military. In honor of your service, we have numerous resources to help support you and your families. You have served your country; now let us work for you.



VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

If you are military veteran, there are plenty of local resources to help support you and your family. If you are in need of assistance, no matter what your area of need, start with the Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission. All of our services are offered at NO COST.

How can we help?

The VAC promotes the welfare of honorably discharged veterans of military service and their families. The VAC acts as a central service office for all veteran organizations and has general oversight of the distribution of emergency assistance to military veterans and their families.

Types of Assistance

- Food vouchers for groceries if the veteran is eligible for food stamps or medical card
- Assistance with rental and mortgage payments
- Utility payment assistance
- Transportation for medical appointments at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center
- Medical care is provided to any member of the veteran's immediate family who qualifies. Medical care includes hospital payments, outpatient care provided by Lake County Clinics, emergency dental and vision care.

Veterans Assistance Commission
20 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave,
Waukegan
Phone: 847.377.3344
Email: veterans@lakecountyil.gov

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8am to 4pm
Closed 12pm to 1pm for lunch

Now Open Saturday from
8am to 12pm at
Wauconda American Legion
by appointment

Need Help with Claims?

Claims assistance is one of the primary functions of the VAC. We will assist you with your Department of Veteran Affairs claims. These claims for non-service connected or service-connected disabilities will be processed in a professional and timely manner. We are here to answer your questions, prepare the needed documents, help you secure any necessary supporting documents, and provide follow-up services on your pending claim.

*If you are combat-disabled retiree or are a veteran that has been exposed to Agent Orange, then contact the VAC, as you may be able to be compensated for your conditions.



LAKE-MCHENRY VETERANS AND FAMILY SERVICES

LMVFS is a program that provides free and confidential services to anyone who serves or has served in the U.S. Armed Forces, their family members and their loved ones. This is a community-based program staffed by veterans and family members of veterans offering peer-to-peer support. LMVFS Provides:

- Peer-to-Peer Support
- Links to services such as emergency housing and food
- Screenings, clinical assessments and referrals
- Individual, family and group counseling
- Case management
- Crisis intervention
- Suicide prevention education
- Veteran and family support and discussion groups

Lake-McHenry Veterans and Family Service (LMVFS)
Locations: 121 E. Grand Avenue, Lake Villa and
3010 Grand Avenue, Waukegan

Drop-In Center: 5330 W. Elm St. (Rte. 120), McHenry
(Computer access, events, workshops and gathering)

Phone: 847.377.VET6 (8386)
<https://www.facebook.com/lakemchenryvfs>
www.lmvfs.org



RECORDER OF DEEDS

The Lake County Recorder of Deeds is the official keeper of your Military Discharge records. These records date back to 1919.

A Request for Discharge Record must be completed to receive a copy of any military service discharge record that has been recorded in Lake County, IL. Only qualified people, listed on this form with proper identification, are eligible to request a military service discharge record. Please visit our website at www.lakecountyil.gov/recorder to review or complete the form. Either fax or mail the completed form to the Lake County Recorder's Office to receive a copy of your military paperwork.

Recorder of Deeds Office
18 N. County St, Waukegan
Phone: 847.377.2575
Fax: 847.984.5860
Email: recorder@lakecountyil.gov

If a Military Service Discharge Form was not previously recorded in Lake County, then you must request copies of military service discharge records from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St Louis, MO.



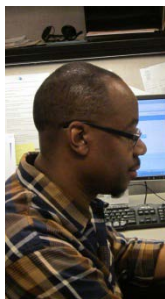
Your military service discharge record entitles you and your family to benefits you deserve. These forms are provided to our veterans and their families at no cost.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Lake County Workforce Development offers a variety of job search services and training opportunities to help Lake County job seekers of all ages and at all levels of experience gain the necessary skills to be competitive in today's job market. Veterans receive priority of service, which includes specialty workshops for military veterans.



An Army veteran, Sheila looked for work for almost two years after she was laid off from a position as a claims adjuster. Lake County Workforce Development funded her through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to get an Associate degree in Human Services. As a part of her studies, Sheila completed an externship at a non-profit agency specializing in behavioral health. Upon completing her degree, Sheila was offered a full-time position at that agency as a Client Services Representative. Sheila advises others to use the Job Center and tap into training scholarships.



Cliff was a member of the US Navy Reserve and a Quality Professional for a local pharmaceutical company. When he was laid off in 2011, Lake County Workforce Development funded him through the Trade Adjustment Act (TAA) to get a Bachelor Degree in Workforce Education and Development. He is currently employed as a Career Specialist with Lake County.

Attend an information session to learn more about the job and training opportunities offered to veterans! See the latest workshop schedule, events and other job information at www.lakecountyjobcenter.com

Job Center of Lake County: 1 N. Genesee St, Waukegan, Phone: 847.377.3450
Information session held every Tuesday at 3pm and Thursday at 11am
See our website for other site locations and events: www.lakecountyjobcenter.com

VETERANS TREATMENT AND ASSISTANCE COURT

The Veterans Treatment and Assistance Court (VTAC) is a program that provides veterans involved in the justice system help and favorable alternatives. Through VTAC the court partners in this collaborative program work to reduce recidivism, enhance public safety and reduce the cost of the criminal justice process, including incarceration, by focusing on the underlying problems that the veteran is encountering with treatment, support and structure." The philosophy is that the VTAC Team's help and supervision will assist the veteran in resolving the issues that contributed to the criminal behavior, result in a permanent life change and prevent a recurrence.

Eligibility Criteria

- Honorable or General Discharge, after completion of boot camp, the veteran has a service related disability or is currently on active military duty
- Probation / supervision eligible felony, misdemeanor, DUI, and petty offenses
- Crimes against a person must have consent of victim (excludes violent offenses with serious injuries or where death occurred)
- Pre and post plea participation
- Willingness to participate in the program and preferably eligible for veterans benefits

Mentoring Program

Veteran mentors supporting the participating veterans during the program is an integral and essential component to success. It is the mission of the mentoring program to help the veterans navigate through the court process, the VA system and community readjustment. Mentors become guides, advocates and allies to the veteran. If you are a veteran yourself and interested in becoming a mentor contact Rudy Martin at Adult Probation Services – 847.377.3964.

For more information about the VTAC program, please contact:
Suzanne Willett, Assistant State's Attorney – 847.377.3077
Tom Meyers, Assistant Public Defender – 847.377.4023



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Waukegan, Illinois 60085

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW!

Would you like to receive notifications about Veterans programs and services throughout the year? Send us your email and we will add you to our mailing list. Veterans@lakecountyil.gov



Veterans Assistance Commission Superintendent Mike Peck and Allen Lynch, Medal of Honor Recipient, present Mary Ellen Vanderverter, Lake County Recorder of Deeds, with the Seven Seals Award for meritorious leadership in support of the men and women who serve America in the National Guard and Reserves.

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